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Students Ludivina Vega (left) and Lilliana Osorio sign up for Sigma Psi Delta while sorority member Yolanda Robinson looks on. Stingfest was held Wednesday.

## Many viewing porn at computer labs

By Edelfonso Ortiz  
Staff Writer

Many people have complained, and many are still in shock, but it's true: computer labs at UTB/TSC are being used by students to view materials of a pornographic nature.

"UTB/TSC is an institution of higher education, therefore it has no restriction," said Raymundo Gonzalez, supervisor of the computer labs. "Any student is allowed to view any material they want to see."

Gonzalez said viewing pornographic material is allowed on the second floor of the Arnulfo L. Olivera library—all that is asked is

discretion. He said that if any student is uncomfortable because of someone viewing pornographic material, all they have to do is talk with one of the lab assistants and that person will be reassigned a different computer.

Alan Lefort, a computer lab assistant, said the amount of users viewing porn is very high.

"We deal with cases on a daily basis," Lefort said. "We politely ask them to move to a more secluded station."

On the first floor of the library, patrons are not allowed to use computers to view pornography.

Reference librarian Luisa Serna said the computers in the library's reference area

are for research, not for e-mail, chatting or viewing pornography.

Serna said the library rules state that "viewing of pornography constitutes possible charges of sexual harassment by other library users; therefore, the users must exercise caution in showing material which may create an atmosphere of harassment for others." Serna also stated that on a daily basis she had forced to ask people to leave because they have been using library computers for viewing porn.

"There is a place for viewing pornography and that place is not a library, which is a place for research," Serna said.

## Stingfest draws crowds for clubs

By Trey Mendez  
Staff Writer

Stingfest 2000 was held Jan. 26 at the Paseo. The event served as a way for clubs and fraternities on campus to promote their organizations.

Among the fraternities present were Alpha Kappa Psi and Tau Kappa Gamma. The all-female Sigma Psi Delta sorority also participated. With Rush coming, these organizations are encouraging students to sign up.

Some of the clubs at Stingfest 2000 were the Student Activities Programming Board, the Soccer Club, Mathematicians Interested in Technology, the Criminal Justice Association, the Gorgas Science Society, and some newly formed clubs such as Rotoract, a university version of the Rotary Club, and the English Club.

"We are still in the organization process," said Charles Dameron, associate professor for the English and Speech Department, and one of the organizers of the English Club.

Lonnie Lopez, a member of Mathematicians Interested in Technology, described some of the activities of the club.

"We offer free tutoring on Saturdays, promote

math and do workshops with calculators," Lopez said. "Any way you add it up, math counts."

One of the biggest draws was the Health and Wellness Club, which was giving free flu shots. They also had information pamphlets on safe sex, AIDS and some other health-related issues.

"We had a great response," said Hector Iracheta, director of Student Health Services. "We had about 55 people get flu shots, and 22 people signed up for the club."

English major Mary Jane Leal was one of the students who received a free flu shot.

"I think these services are good for the students," she said. "They [Student Health Services] provide services at prices students can afford."

Business major Leticia Villalon also received a shot.

"It's good for the students," she said. "It was free and it didn't hurt."

The Health and Wellness Club promotes good health and conducts blood drives, among other activities. Anyone is welcome to join.

Overall, Stingfest 2000 served various students and promoted clubs that students' may not have known about.

# On Campus

## Briefs

The Learning Assistance Center will conduct the following Studying for AS workshops this week: "Problem-Solving Strategies," today; "Writing Process II," Tuesday; "Enhancing Brain Power," Wednesday; and "Reducing Math Anxiety," Thursday. All of these workshops are from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in North Hall 116. A workshop titled "Improving Memory" will be conducted from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday in North Hall 116. For more information, call 544-8208.

**Black History Month** begins at noon Tuesday with a ceremony at the Gazebo Plaza. Other related activities this week are "America's Civil Rights Movement," a video, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday in the SET-B Lecture Hall; "Who We Are Is Who We Were: African Americans at the Millennium," a lecture, 1 to 2 p.m. Wednesday, SET-B Lecture Hall; "Lessons Learned from Martin Luther King Jr. on Resolving Conflict Peacefully," a lecture, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Thursday, SET-B Lecture Hall; "Brownsville Raid," a lecture, 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, SET-B Lecture Hall; "TAAS-Is It Fair," a panel discussion, 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, SET-B 2.336; "How the Civil Rights Movement Has Changed America," essay contest, deadline noon Friday, SET-B 2.454, and "Black Orpheus," a movie, 7 p.m. Friday, SET-B 2.548.

Tuesday is the deadline for spring graduation and master's comprehensive exam applications. For more information, call the Enrollment Office at 544-8254.

The Dean of Students Office will conduct a workshop titled "How to Write a Constitution" for student organizations from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in the Leadership Exchange Room, located in the Student Center. For more information, call the Dean of Students Office at 983-7374.

Wednesday is the deadline (7 p.m.) to withdraw from a class without a recorded grade. For more information, call the Enrollment Office at 544-8254.

Victor Sanchez, of the Counseling and Guidance Center, will conduct a workshop titled "College Survival Skills" at 12:15 p.m. Thursday in North Hall 105. For more information, call the center at 544-8292.

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## Sports

## Lopez looking forward to a fresh start

By Trey Mendez  
Staff Writer

Erik Lopez, freshman Scorpion golfer, was very disappointed with his performance in the fall and knows that he must get better if either he or the team hopes to improve. Lopez has dedicated himself to his grades and his golf game this semester.

"I came [to UTB/TSC] to play golf and make good

grades," Lopez said. "The way I played the first semester was the way I played when I was 15."

Lopez felt as though he let both himself and his team down.

"I played pretty pathetic and I don't like to make a fool of myself," Lopez said.

Lopez knows that he fell out of tune with his golf game and has a new philosophy.

"I am going to stay in focus

and take it one day at a time," he said.

Lopez, 19, grew up in Austin and attended Westlake High School. He began golfing to get a feel for the game at age 4 when his dad began to take him to the golf course. His father was a marshal for the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf Tournament held in Austin, and it was there that Lopez met his golfing idol, Chi Chi Rodriguez. Lopez was the Austin Junior Champion when he was 6 years old, and again when he was 13 and 15. Lopez's father taught him his swing. He has never had a lesson.

Lopez is majoring in business management for now, and has not decided on a minor. He received a full scholarship for one year and hopes to return next year as the team leader. If his scholarship is not renewed, Lopez plans to transfer to UT-Austin or Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, his father's alma mater.

For now, however, Lopez has golf on his mind.

"My goal is to shoot even par on a consistent basis," Lopez said.

He feels that the team needs to be more dedicated and realize that they are here to play golf for the university as a reward for a free education.

"In order to be good we need to play good and push each other," he said. "We need to be team-oriented and practice regularly."

Lopez's first semester was a game of near misses and tragedy. He qualified for only one tournament and lost one of his best friends in a car accident. Lopez's goals have been set for the second semester and his mind is focused on the team's improvement.

"When I play, I don't think of shooting good for myself, I think of shooting good for the team," Lopez said.

Lopez has his priorities in order as well.

"I need to work on my mental game," Lopez said. "You are always going to hit a bad shot, but you have to take it and move on."

He is hoping that the spring brings better times but realizes that success comes with hard work.

"You need to be dedicated," he said. "If you have a positive attitude and confidence, you can play."



Erik Lopez

### Briefs

Men's and women's division basketball tournaments are scheduled for Feb. 7-10 in the Garza Gym at 2:30 p.m. Intramural events are free and open to UTB/TSC students and employees. A current ID must be presented when registering. For more information, contact Jack Luff or Judy Walton at 544-8290.

The Kinesiology Department is sponsoring half-mile, one-mile and two-mile Scorpion Fun Walk/Jog Feb. 7. Starting time is 6:30 a.m. at the Garza Gym. Students and employees are encouraged to attend. Dressing rooms and shower facilities in the Gym are open for participants. Towel service is provided. An indoor activity will be planned in case of inclement weather. For more information call 544-8290.

## Hoop it up



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Winners of Wednesday's Intramural Basketball Free-Throw Shoot are (from left) Jaime Vega, second place; Jorge Mejia, first place, and Herman Garcia, third place. Vega shot 18 of 20, Mejia shot 19 of 20 and Garcia, 16 of 20. Each

## Funk commended on 200th Victory at Hawaii convention

By Jessica Arriaga  
Sports Editor

UTB/TSC Volleyball Coach Brian Funk has been recognized for his 200th victory.

Funk, who has led Team Sting for eight seasons, received the recognition during the American Volleyball Coaches Association convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, Dec. 14-18. Coaches are recognized for every 100 victories. Funk said this was a "milestone" award because

of the time it takes to accumulate the victories. He also said it made him and UTB/TSC feel proud.

During meetings of the National Junior College Athletic Association, Funk spoke with other coaches about various topics, including changes in rules, recruitment and reviewing national tournaments on video.

The best experience, Funk said, was being around all the coaches.

"It's rewarding to be around them," the coach said.

The convention also provided coaches with a look at the newest volleyball equipment in a sporting exhibit. Vendors from across the country, including Spaulding, Jaypro and Tachikara, presented the latest balls and uniforms.

"This was a good place to see everything," Funk said.

He also got a chance to see the NCAA Division I Women's National Championship, held at the University of Hawaii. Pennsylvania State University defeated

Stanford University.

"It was an experience well worth it," Funk said of

the convention. "Next year, it will be held in the Midwest."



COURTESY PHOTO

UTB/TSC Volleyball Coach Brian Funk (left) and Penn State Coach Russ Rose pose for a picture in Honolulu. Rose's team won its first national championship last month, held in conjunction with the American Volleyball Coaches Association Convention.

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## "Any Given Sunday"

Cast: Al Pacino, Dennis Quaid, Jamie Foxx, Cameron Diaz, James Woods, Bill Bellamy, LL Cool J  
Directed by: Oliver Stone  
Rating: R

By John Struhler  
Staff Writer

Al Pacino delivers another tour de force performance in director Oliver Stone's feature film "Any Given Sunday." Stone probes the intricacies of the ceaselessly deteriorating relationship among players, coaches and management in professional sports.

Pacino portrays Timmy D'Amato, an aging coach who is struggling to pull his team from a slump and take them into the playoffs. When his legendary quarterback Jack

"Cap" Rooney (Quaid) goes down with injury, he is forced to go to his backup Willie Beaman (Foxx).

Beaman is a "new" kind of player, who improvises on the field, completely ignoring the playbook and even the coach's instructions. Before long, he becomes the typical modern-day sports star, which includes, of course, mil-

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lions of dollars in endorsements. The film focuses mostly on D'Amato's attempt to tame Beaman's rebellious ways and teach him the old-fashioned glory of football.

The acting is excellent, particularly from Pacino and Foxx. LL Cool J is charming in his role as Julian Washington, as is MTV VJ Bill Bellamy. Cameron Diaz, however, gives one of the worst performances of her career. She plays the team's owner Christina Pagnacci,

who predictably enough, bickers with the coach. Look for cameos from such sports legends as Jim Brown, Lawrence Taylor, and Johnny Unitas.

"Any Given Sunday" is more relentlessly brutal than any other football film to date, surpassing even "The Longest Yard" in violence. Stone uses the two hours and 40 minutes to take you right into the trenches, where the raw animal aggression of pro football occurs. Your appreciation and respect for the game rises immensely by the time the credits roll. Stone's ingeniously original cinematography makes you feel like you are actually on the field, and these visuals come right at you with an ultraviolet slice-and-dice abruptness.

"Any Given Sunday" is well-fashioned by Stone and ranks among the greatest football films ever made. If you are one of those people who dread those Sunday afternoons of football, you are not going to like this movie. However, this is a must-see for sports fans.

## Girl Interrupted

By Armando Flores  
Staff Writer

Picture this: It's the late 1960s and Laverne and Shirley are in a mental institution in Massachusetts. Laverne is a dangerous sociopath with a power complex and Shirley is an aspir-

on the inside of this place or on outside in the real world.

She starts to opt for the former once she befriends several of the girls in her ward, specifically Lisa (played by the enigmatic Angelina Jolie), who tends to overwhelm everyone at one point or another.

Susanna eventually ends

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ing writer who downed a bottle of aspirin with a bottle of vodka because she had a bad headache. Now get rid of the embroidered L's, some of the comedy, add some supporting characters, switch the catchy theme song with Petula Clark's "Downtown," and the names to Lisa and Susanna and you have the movie "Girl, Interrupted."

OK, so the movie isn't a lot like "Laverne and Shirley," but I couldn't let the observation fly by.

But seriously, the movie basically follows Susanna Kayzen (played by Winona Ryder) as she finds herself at the Claymore mental institution after her failed suicide attempt. Diagnosed with borderline personality disorder (with such vague symptoms that any girl of that time period could have been a sufferer), she has to deal with whether she actually belongs

up spending nearly two years there before she is deemed fit for release.

Now, where some can view the movie as just a psycho girls "Breakfast Club," it's more about finding out who you really are, who you want to be, and what friendship really is. Ironically enough, Susanna learns all of these in the institution.

There are some great performances done by all in this movie. Jolie pulls off Lisa without a hitch, just as Whoopi Goldberg does such a good job as a headstrong nurse with a good heart and good advice, much like her character Guinan on "Star Trek: The Next Generation." But the performance I think sticks out the most is by Elizabeth Moss, who plays Polly, a sweet-natured bum victim. She has these hysterical episodes because she realizes that there is

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probably no chance of anyone falling in love with her because of her disfigured face. One such episode results in one of the best scenes of the film, where Polly is ushered off to the "quiet room," with her still crying hysterically inside. So Susanna and Lisa break into the music room, steal the guitar and tambourine, and

go camp out in front of the "quiet room" and sing "Downtown" to Polly, which soothes her. It's a heart-warming scene that shows one of the many virtues of friendship—having them there for you when you're down, to help you get through the tough times.

Overall, it was a great movie that everyone should

go see because it gives you good insight to the new postadolescent psyche, even if you're not a psychology major. And to appeal to the guys, since it's not a very gay movie, Jolie and Ryder share an onscreen kiss, albeit a brief one. It's not showing in Brownsville, but it is worth the trip to the Island or Harlingen.



# Tiempo Nuevo

## Español brinda variedad laboral en el Valle

Por Daniela Ortégón  
*Reportero*

Aproximadamente cada año, 50 estudiantes de UTB/TSC, son los que se gradúan con licenciaturas en Letras Hispánicas. Cipriano Cárdenas, profesor asociado y director del Departamento de Lenguas Modernas de UTB/TSC, dijo: "Esta cifra es la mayor en relación con los egresados hispanos con licenciatura en letras hispánicas. UTB/TSC gradúa más licenciados en letras hispánicas de acceso a una universidad en todo Estados Unidos; estamos en primer lugar".

"La mayoría de nuestros estudiantes prefieren trabajar y vivir

en esta región; la mitad de estos estudiantes, tal vez un 50% consiguen empleo en esta área como maestros bilingües, y yo diría que a un 10% les dan empleo como maestros de español a nivel secundaria o preparatoria", dijo Cárdenas. "El 40% restante, no necesariamente en esta región, consiguen empleo. Justamente hoy recibí una llamada de la Oficina de la Bolsa de Trabajo del campus, ya que viene un representante de la FBI que quiere hablar con estudiantes que van a terminar su carrera de español en mayo para contratarlos y que trabajen con la FBI. En todos los aspectos de la FBI, ya sea agentes que trabajen con las personas que viven en las calles, los agentes

tienen que hablar el idioma de la gente porque hay mucha gente de habla hispana y así como también gente que trabaje en oficina e investigadores de toda clase.

"La Oficina de Investigación y la Patrulla Fronteriza buscan también personas con títulos ya sea en inglés o en español, en los diferentes papeles que ellos pueden desempeñar en esas oficinas.

"En muchas agencias solicitan personas que tengan licenciatura en inglés o en español porque quieren personas que puedan escribir y hablar bien el idioma, ellos se van a encargarse de entrenarlos. Lo que pasa es que como nosotros egresamos más gente en español que otras universidades, vienen aquí a contratar a estudiantes.

Estudiantes con maestría, dijo Cárdenas, de tres a cuatro años son los que finalmente se

gradúan de UTB/TSC y la mayoría se va a trabajar a otras partes del Valle.

"Cualquier trabajo de gobierno federal, lo que se llama servicio civil, tiene miles de empleados en muchas oficinas y ministerios pero eso implica la disponibilidad del estudiante de que se traslade a otra parte del país y tal vez algún día regresen con esa misma agencia generalmente pero la mayoría de los estudiantes no quieren salir de esta región.

"La industria más grande en esta región es la de las escuelas públicas porque tiene 6000 empleados. De ese número de profesionistas, todos por lo menos tienen licenciatura en diferentes disciplinas. Para los estudiantes que se gradúan de UTB/TSC es más fácil que sean maestros bilingües de escuelas primarias o de secundarias, pero hay muchísimos más empleos en



Cipriano Cárdenas

el país como maestros... hay más opciones", dijo Cárdenas.

"Las empresas que más contratan a los graduados en español son las del Departamento de Migración, la Aduana, la Patrulla Fronteriza. Para trabajar en alguna universidad se requiere por lo menos tener licenciatura en letras hispánicas con medio tiempo y si tienen maestría podrían trabajar de tiempo completo, pero hay mucha demanda en las universidades".

### Club de Teatro "La Ventana"

Por Daniela Ortégón  
*Reportero*

Por primera vez en UTB/TSC, el club de teatro universitario "La Ventana", dirigido por la Lidia Díaz, profesora de Lenguas Modernas en UTB/TSC, presenta la obra de teatro para niños "La isla de los colores".

Originalmente está basada en el cuento "La guerra de los colores" y el autor de esta obra es Saul Schkolnik; fue adaptada a obra de teatro por la profesora María Cavazos.

Es especialmente para niños, ya que está llena de ritmo y colorido, y el mensaje

que transmite la obra es de la diversidad de las culturas.

Los personajes que estarán presentes en "La isla de los colores" son: María Cavazos, Mayra Yesenia Guana, Brenet Patiño, Mariana Castorena, Lupita Gómez, Tanya Perkins, Glizela Guana, Nicandra Arellano y como narrador, Ramiro Rodríguez.

Esta obra estará presentada en el mes de la historia afroamericana y tendrá lugar en el salón de cátedras del edificio de ciencia, ingeniería y tecnología de UTB/TSC el sábado 12 de febrero a las 2 p.m. y la entrada va a ser gratuita.

## Muchos ven pornografía aquí

Por Ildefonso Ortiz  
*Reportero*

Varias personas se han quejado y otras se han asustado, pero lo que sí es cierto es que los laboratorios de computación en UTB/TSC están siendo usados por estudiantes para ver material de una naturaleza pornográfica.

"UTB/TSC es una institución de educación superior, no hay limitaciones. Uno

puede ver cualquier cosa que quiera ver", dijo Raymond González, supervisor de los laboratorios de computación del campus.

Por lo tanto, en el laboratorio del segundo piso de la biblioteca está permitido ver material pornográfico, lo único que se pide es discreción. González dijo que si algún estudiante se siente molesto con alguien viendo pornografía, nada más tiene que decirle a alguna persona

del laboratorio y se le asignará otra computadora a esa persona.

En el primer piso de la biblioteca de UTB/TSC no se permite ver pornografía. Luisa Serna, supervisora de referencia en la biblioteca, dijo que aunque está permitido en el laboratorio de computación, las computadoras de la biblioteca son sólo para buscar información seria, no e-mail y no chat.

Serna dijo que las reglas en la biblioteca dicen que "ver material pornográfico constituye posibles cargos de acoso sexual, por lo tanto los usuarios deben de tener cuidado de mostrar imágenes que puedan crear una atmósfera de acoso para otros usuarios". Es por esta razón que no se permite ver material pornográfico en la biblioteca, dijo ella.

"Hay un lugar para ver material pornográfico, y ese lugar no es una biblioteca, la cual es un lugar de estudio", concluyó Serna.

por arreglar un problema descomponen el que más hace falta arreglar".



Olivia Treviño

## Estudiante de hoy

Por Daniela Ortégón  
*Reportero*

**Nombre:** Olivia Treviño  
**Edad:** 20 años  
**Preparatoria:** Centro Universitario del Noreste.  
**Especialidad:** Licenciatura en Administración de Empresas.

**Reconocimientos:** Excelencia académica para estudiantes de contaduría, Lista del Presidente y AI para contadores públicos certificados.

**Relato más grande:** "Quiero cursar una maestría en administración de empresas para poder tomar mi examen de contador Público y trabajar en todo en el estado de Texas.

**Metas:** "Quiero acabar mi carrera en el 2010 y cursar mi maestría en alguna otra universidad".

**Pasatiempos:** "Hacer aeróbicos, jugar tenis, leer, salir con mis amigos y jugar con mis mascotas".

**¿Que ha hecho en benefi-**

cio de tu comunidad?"

"Actualmente estoy tomando un curso de IRS para poder ayudar a las personas a llenar su Income Tax. Trabajo para el Centro de Consejería y ayudamos a estudiantes dándoles una mejor asesoría a través de nuevos proyectos y de estudiar los servicios que mejor podemos ofrecer.

**Si pudieras cambiar algo en el campus, ¿qué harías?"**

"Definitivamente que hagan más estacionamiento porque

## Viewpoint

## Forming soccer team not that easy, Funk says

I would like this opportunity to provide some information that may clear the air a little concerning our UTB/TSC "club" soccer team becoming an "intercollegiate athletic" team. It was reported (Viewpoint, Dec. 3, 1999) that "the difference between a team and a club is money, among other things." This is more a matter of the "other things."

Our UTB/TSC Soccer Club is a team, it is a "club team." Our UTB/TSC Volleyball Team is a team, an intercollegiate athletic team. Generally speaking, club teams can fall under the auspices of a variety of administrative umbrellas. These can include: recreational departments as part of a school's physical education (kinesiology) department, intramural/extramural division of the same department, and/or some form of student activity or student services division. For the most part, our soccer club, as are several other clubs on campus, fall under the umbrella of Student Activities. There are no particular "eligibility" requirements to participate beyond being a registered UTB/TSC student.

Our UTB/TSC Athletic Teams, Men's Baseball, Men's Golf and Women's Golf, Women's Volleyball are all members of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) and these teams comprise our entire athletic department. The students who compete on these teams can and do receive a variety of scholarship monies but also must satisfy several eligibility requirements. To name a few:

1. Be a high school graduate
2. During each semester of eligibility, students must be registered and keep at least 12 hours throughout the semester.
3. Obtain specific GPA status to maintain eligibility from semester to semester. The specific GPA needed is determined by the specific year in school and/or year of participation in a sport.
4. If a student-athlete is transferring from another institution or comes from a foreign country, the eligibility process becomes even more complicated.
5. An eligibility form must be filled out for each team during the semester of competition. The form must be filed with Region 14 Administration as well as the

NJCAA office in Colorado.

With all due respect to our soccer club, they are experiencing many of the same trials that thousands of clubs do around the country. It is the nature of "club" sports. I can share similar stories of competing on a club volleyball team back in Illinois; traveling eight hours to Nebraska for tournaments, sleeping on the floors of friend's homes, having fund-raisers for financial support, driving our own vehicles to competition, being the last priority for facility uses, though there may be larger universities that have never stayed in a hotel that would allow us to put 16 people in a hotel room! It is no different anywhere in the country, though I have larger

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extramural budgets and a few more amenities.

To be honest, the teams that our present club is playing against are relatively competitive. There are two divisions of the Texas Collegiate Soccer League. If we competed in the higher division, we would play teams with the likes of UT-Austin, A&M, and Southwest Texas State. Of course this would be their club teams. The competition would be a lot more intense.

As far as our men's and women's soccer teams becoming an "intercollegiate" team, The Collegian was correct in saying the soccer club would need more money, it's just that it is a lot more money. A few items to consider:

1. National dues. (Rates are determined by the number of registered students in the university.)
2. Conference dues.
3. Scholarship money to recruit student-athletes. This can include tuition/fees, books, housing and meals.
4. Travel, which can include mileage, hotel, meals and entry fees.
5. Equipment.
6. A facility. We do not have a competitive soccer facility. Even fields within the city wouldn't provide the seating necessary for conference competition. When hosting Conference and/or official NJCAA

matches, we need to supply certified officials.

7. Hire a coach.
  8. The biggest dilemma—competition.
- We need other teams to play. At this point in time, there are only two men's teams in our Region 14 Conference (San Jacinto South-Houston and Tyler Junior College). There are no women's programs. Every school faces the same hurdles and it is evident that these are difficult to overcome. My teammates and I had similar dreams when we were in school. There are no men's volleyball programs in the entire NJCAA. There are few programs in the NCAA (Division I, II or III). For UTB/TSC to find additional intercollegiate soccer competition, we would need to travel to Missouri and Louisiana to find a few. The travel budget would be astronomical.

The reason I am writing in terms of Junior College (two-year level) competition is because this is the status of our university. The Collegian reported that we needed only three men's teams and three women's teams to compete against UT, A&M and Texas Tech. These three schools belong to the NCAA Division I level; the best in the country, and the host school must provide at least seven intercollegiate programs for men and seven programs for women. Three teams each would not even prepare us for NCAA Division II (A&M Kingsville, San Angelo, West Texas State). Division II could be the best hope we have for providing an opportunity to compete with other four-year institutions. Believe me, I look forward to this opportunity myself.

Now I realize that all of this was not what soccer players or fans wanted to receive but trust that this is reality. I would like this university to understand my experience as a collegiate coach and athlete, and that I am here to provide any information that can be helpful. If I can't answer a question immediately, I have plenty of resources.

Brian Funk  
Head Volleyball Coach/Athletic Coordinator

# Viewpoint

## Have the library's shorter hours affected your study habits?

"It has not affected me yet, but when finals come around, I need to go to the library, it might."

—Mirella Castillo,  
Sophomore criminal justice major

"Yes, because I have a little girl and the only time I have to go to the library is at night."

—Elizabeth Garcia  
Junior English major  
"Not really, I basically do my studying at home with no interruptions."  
—Ivan Cordova  
Sophomore Computer Science major

"I don't like the shorter hours. I have classes all day and I don't have enough time to go to the library."

—Juan Vasquez  
Senior

## Student Soapbox

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## Nice guys park last

By Rachel Benavidez  
Columnist

Just when I thought it couldn't get any worse...it got a little better.

We are all aware of the increasingly desperate parking situation at our fair university. The population keeps growing, and the available parking keeps shrinking.

I've seen it bring out the very worst in a lot of otherwise perfectly civilized people. I've witnessed shouting matches, would-be fist fights, even demolition derby scenes where two cars, waiting for the same spot, actually crash into each other in an attempt to keep the other from having the space. I don't understand this behavior; I just try not to revert to it very often.

But this is a not another story about parking lot wars gone wrong, or a complaint about the excruciating lack of parking...for a change.

While on the prowl for a parking space behind Tandy last week, I encountered the usual guerrilla tactics I was expecting (and dreading) as soon as UTB/TSC came over the smoggy horizon.

The parking lot looked like an ant farm. People were honking, cutting each other off, parking on curbs, grass, in red zones and double parking...and that was just the faculty.

I was certain that I would never find a spot unless I was prepared to do some serious ambush. So I started trailing this girl, who with keys in hand, nuzzled through her bag, got in, sat there for a while, nuzzled through her bag, and got right back out. This has to be one of the cruelest things anyone can do at 9:21 a.m. on a Thursday morning.

The hunt continued.

Finally, after about 20 minutes, I resolved to retreat, skip class and live to fight another day. When all of a sudden, a space opened up. I rushed over only to meet head-to-head with a non-permit parker. The fight or flight instinct kicked in. When suddenly, just when I was ready to crowd the space and park—or die trying—he backed up, smiled and surrendered the space.

Stunned, I smiled back, sheepishly, only wishing he could hear me taking back all those names I called him, as he drove off.

It was the first sign of decency I'd seen in the parking lot in a long time.

I'm a little bit nicer when I park now. A little less ruthless, a little less aggressive and subsequently, I don't get a good space very often—but I digress. The point is, I'm a better person.

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